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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## ITALIAN STEAMER STAMPALIA SUNK

Had Been Making Regular Voyages from Italian Ports to New York

## NO STATEMENT AS TO LOSS OF LIFE

Had Accommodations for 1,700 Passengers, But Has Carried Only Small Number Lately — May Have Been in Service of Italian Government.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Italian steamship Stampalia, which plies between New York and Italian ports, has been sunk, says a dispatch to Lloyds. The Stampalia had accommodations for about 1,700 passengers. On her recent voyages from Italy to New York passenger traffic has been light and the agents in New York said today she probably carried a comparatively small number of passengers. Her crew numbered about 120.

NEW YORK, August 19.—No word has been received in New York by the agents of the line of the reported sinking of the Stampalia at the time of the arrival of the London press dispatch.

The Stampalia was a passenger liner of 3,000 tons. In common with other Italian liners she manned mounted guns for protection against submarines.

The last report of her movements was her arrival on July 30 at Genoa from New York, so that apparently she was sunk on the return voyage to the United States.

The New York agent for the Stampalia said today that two weeks ago they had received a cable message advising them that all sailings of the ship had been canceled. They express the opinion that the Stampalia had been requisitioned and was in service of the Italian government. In this case she would have no passengers aboard.

## THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight and Sunday — Temperature Unchanged.

WASHINGTON, August 19. — The weather forecast: Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate variable winds.

## First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



Rev. B. H. Eddy of Jersey Shore, Pa., will occupy the pulpit Sunday, Aug. 20. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing a solo.

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel tomorrow evening at 7:30. Topics: Growth; Body, Mind, Spirit. Luke 2: 40-52. Leader, Merle Corbett. Everbody cordially invited.

## Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free. Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

## In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7:30 — Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge.

Tuesday evening, Aug. 22, at 7:30, regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge.

## SUNDAY DINNERS A SPECIALTY

—AT—

## Newfane Inn

A Good Place for Automobile Parties to Dine.

E. A. WHITCOMB, Prop.  
Newfane, Vt.

## LEAVES FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF FINE

B. L. Jones of Charlestown, N. H., Opened Outout Going Up Main Street Hill—Taken in Tow.

A touring car driven by B. L. Jones of Charlestown, N. H., was roaring up Main street hill last evening shortly after 6 o'clock with the muffler cutout open and Police Chief George Wilson stopped the car. Jones left cash bail rather than remain here for a trial this morning on the charge of operating his car within the village limits with the muffler cutout open. The case will be brought to the attention of Judge Frank E. Barber of the municipal court either this afternoon or Monday morning and a fine of \$2 and costs of \$4.45 charged against Jones. He left sufficient bail money to cover the fine and costs and authorized Chief Wilson to enter a plea of guilty for him.

## PLAGUE KILLED 36 CHILDREN IN 24 HOURS

In Addition 134 New Cases Were Reported in the Five Boroughs of New York.

NEW YORK, August 19.—The end of the eighth week of the epidemic of infantile paralysis was marked by no material change in its development. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. 36 children were killed by the plague in the five boroughs of New York city and 134 new cases were reported to the health department as against 32 deaths and 125 new cases yesterday. Since the inception of the disease in June 7,000 have been stricken of whom 1,367 died.

## BULGARIANS SUSTAIN ENORMOUS LOSSES

Badly Beaten When They Attacked Positions of the Entente Allies Near Serbia.

SALONIKI, August 19, via London.—Bulgarian troops who attacked the positions of the entente allies along the Serbian frontier on Aug. 17 were repulsed and thrown back upon their original positions after sustaining enormous losses, says the Serbian official statement.

## HOLD WHOLE OF FLEURY.

Germans Driven by French from Part of the Ruined Village.

PARIS, Aug. 19. — The remainder of the ruins on the edge of the village of Fleury on the Verdun front was captured last night by the French, the war office announced today. The battle continued violently all night long and the French won their way forward foot by foot.

German counter attacks were made on the Somme front. The statement says that the Germans were repulsed, leaving 30 prisoners in the hands of the French.

## BRITISH MAKE GAINS.

Advance 200 to 600 Yards and Unite with the French.

LONDON, Aug. 19. — The British line on the Somme front has been advanced over a section two miles long and 200 to 600 yards deep, from Highwood to the junction point with the French forces, the war office announced today.

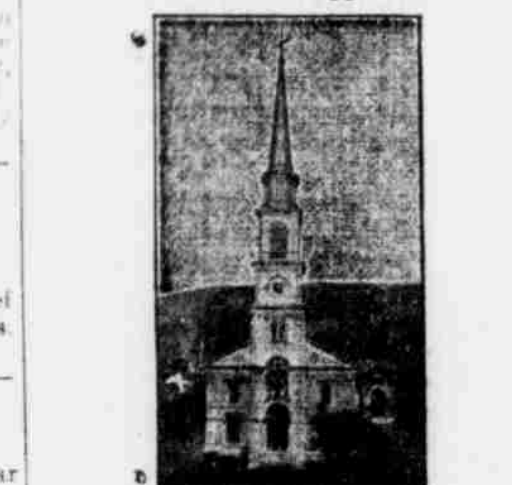
## ATTACK WAS CHECKED.

Italian Batteries Drove Back Austrians on Carso Plateau.

ROME, Aug. 19, via London. — The Austrians launched an attack last night on the left wing of the Italian force on the Carso plateau. It was announced officially today that the assault was checked by the fire of the Italian batteries.

## Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Pastor.



## Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by Rev. Joseph H. Chandler, D. D., of Chicago, Ill.

11:45 a. m.—Sunday school.

8:00 p. m.—The Atlanta University quartet will sing old-time Negro spirituals and present the work of the university in the church. An offering will be received for the university. Everyone welcome.

The Atlanta university male quartet, than which there is no better colored male quartet in this country, will give a concert in the Centre Congregational church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and the work of the university will be presented as in former years. An offering for the work will be received. Persons who enjoy the songs of the South will be pleased with this opportunity.

## ASKS RECALL OF PERSHING'S FORCE

Funston Is Said to Amaze Washington Officials by His Reuest

## EXPEDITION HAS ACHIEVED PURPOSE

Villa Bands Dispersed—Movements of the Soldiers Greatly Restricted and Their Health Is an Important Consideration.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—While Secretary Baker and other war department officials refused to confirm or deny reports that Maj. Gen. Funston had recommended the immediate withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's expedition from Mexico there were indications that such a message had been received.

Withdrawal of the troops is the first subject to be taken up by the joint international commission. In a long report the American commander bases his recommendation on the following reasons, it is said: The purpose of the expeditionary force has been largely accomplished. The main Villa bands have been broken up and dispersed and those still at large Gen. Pershing is no longer able to pursue. Under war department orders, issued after the Carrizal affair, to prevent any further clashes, he cannot meet them on his line of communication except in case of attack.

For more than three months, Gen. Funston points out, the troops have been held in Mexico without action of any kind. With the militia on the border, the expedition is no longer necessary to prevent bandit raids into American territory. Therefore he considers their withdrawal advisable.

The health of the troops also weighed in Gen. Funston's decision. He is understood to be worried over the approach of the hot season in Mexico and the hardships to which the men will be subjected. With the physical strain they have undergone in the campaign, coupled with the bad climatic conditions the outbreak of an epidemic is feared. Already the rate of sickness, it is understood, is considerably higher than among the troops on the border.

War department officials were dumbfounded when the Funston telegram was received. It is understood copies were quickly transmitted to the White House and to the state department, where the commission negotiations with Carranza are in progress. Orders were immediately issued to keep the message from becoming public, and Gen. Funston was advised, it is understood, not to wire any further recommendations of a similar character.

Should Carranza discover that Gen. Funston was in accord with him on the question of the withdrawal of the American troops, administration officials realized the basis for the joint commission's work would be largely swept away. On his insistence, that issue was to be first taken up by the commissioners and, from the Mexican point of view, it was the only issue to be discussed.

Carranza's final consent to the broadening of the powers of the commission, it is pointed out, was merely conditional by the taking up of the troop question first. Now, with the American commander himself recommending withdrawal, it is feared that Mexico might disregard the commission plan altogether.

## TROPICAL STORM HITS TEXAS COAST

Chief Anxiety Centered in the Situation at Corpus Christi—One Ship Sunk.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, August 19.—With army wireless reports stating there had been comparatively little damage and no loss of life in the Brownsville district the chief anxiety centered today on the situation at Corpus Christi and that vicinity as a result of the tropical storm which struck the Texas gulf coast yesterday morning. The only loss of life so far reported was the sinking in one Gulf of Mexico of the small steamer, Pilot Boy, plying between Galveston and Corpus Christi. The vessel carried a crew of 13, only three of whom have as yet been reported saved.

## OPENED CAMPAIGN IN MAINE.

Champ Clark Says Hughes Has Failed to Hit the Bullseye.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Aug. 19.—Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, opened the campaign in Maine for the Democrats today in a characteristic speech in which he told of the accomplishments of the administration and congress under the leadership of President Wilson. He also took note of the campaign tour which Charles E. Hughes is taking in behalf of his candidacy for the presidency. Mr. Hughes, he said, had thus far made enough speeches to enable people to form judgment as to his opinions on current issues and in the speaker's opinion he has shot his bolt and failed to hit the bullseye.

## PARALYSIS CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Helen, 6, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Wyman, Died in Keene Yesterday.

KEENE, N. H., August 19.—The second death in Keene from infantile paralysis occurred yesterday morning about 9 o'clock when Helen Elizabeth, the six-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Wyman of Water street, succumbed to the disease.

There is no connection between this case and any of the others, here or elsewhere, so far as is known. The little girl had been somewhat ill since Tuesday, but her trouble was not found to be poliomyelitis until Thursday afternoon, when the house was quarantined. She suffered paralysis of the respiratory organs and of the left leg. The body was buried without a public funeral.

While parents have no more reason now for being afraid of the disease than at any time heretofore, they may take precautions against their children catching the disease by spraying throats, noses, and using care about cleanliness of the home.

Mrs. Wyman, mother of the child, formerly was Miss Sadie Saxton, popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Frost of East Putney, Vt. Her husband formerly lived in Westminster, Vt. She had taken great precautions to keep the child away from other children on account of other cases of the disease in this city.

## NO PRISONER WHEN COURT ARRIVED

Judge and State's Attorney Called to Putney, but Officers Had Not Located Respondent.

Judge Frank E. Barber of the municipal court and State's Attorney O. B. Hughes went to Putney this morning with the intention of having Duncann Fenne before the bar of justice on a charge of breach of the peace by intimidating his family. At 2 o'clock this morning Constable C. A. Prouty and Dr. L. H. Bugbee, overseer of the poor, had been unable to locate Fenne. Dr. Bugbee notified the state's attorney this morning by telephone that Fenne had kicked his wife and three children out of their home Saturday night and that since that time he had been at the hotel. This operation had been repeated several times during the week, he said, until the overseer of the poor felt that it was time for some other department than his to take a hand.

At the time the court left here it was understood that Fenne would be at the hotel. This operation had been repeated several times during the week, he said, until the overseer of the poor felt that it was time for some other department than his to take a hand. The court arrived in Putney at 10 o'clock but found that Fenne had disappeared.

## BASEBALL NEXT TUESDAY.

March to Bring Strong Out-of-Town Team to Brattleboro.

Hal March says he expects to stage next Tuesday at Island Park one more baseball game with a strong out-of-town team as the attraction. He is not ready to announce which one of two or three different teams would be brought here. But whatever team he engages, he says the game will be a good one and that Brattleboro will have a strong team in the field against them.

## RUSSIANS STILL GAINING.

Broke Through Enemy's Line on the Stokhod River.

PETROGRAD, August 19.—The Russians have broken through the Austro-German line on the Stokhod river in Volhynia and have made a considerable advance, it was announced officially today.

## JOHNSTON LOSES AT TENNIS.

National Champion Goes Down Before Japanese Player in Tennis.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19. — William M. Johnston, the national tennis title holder, was defeated by I. Kuna-gawa, Japanese champion, today in the final match of the singles tournament for the Casino cup. The score was 6-1, 9-7, 5-7, 2-6, 9-7.

## BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

The jury to hear the case of the village of Brattleboro against Maj. F. W. Childs, charged with operating his automobile with the muffler cutout open, was not drawn today, but it will be drawn Monday morning.

A surprise party was given Miss Mildred Bingham in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bingham, of Chestnut street, last evening, the occasion being her 16th birthday anniversary. About 20 young people were present. The evening was spent socially with games, music and refreshments of ice-cream, cake and lemonade. A birthday cake bearing name and dates, made by Mrs. Frank Marsh, was an attraction. Miss Bingham was presented a gold wrist watch, a willow chair and other gifts.

## PUTNEY.

Dr. Harmon Newell has taken an associate in his dental work in the person of Dr. F. R. Phillips of Putney, Vt., a graduate this year of the University of Pennsylvania, 1916, who is already at work.—Clarendon Advocate.

## MARRIAGES.

In Brattleboro, Aug. 19, by Carl S. Hopkins, esq., George Edwin Taylor of Springfield, Mass., and Loretta A. Leary of Chicago.

## DEADLOCK IN THE STRIKE SITUATION

Railroad Presidents Are Still Insistent Upon Arbitration Principle

## NO FINAL ANSWER TO PRESIDENT WILSON

President Outlines His Plan for Settlement, Which He Considers a Thoroughly Practical and an Entirely Fair Program.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—After an hour's conference with President Wilson today the 33 railroad presidents left the White House without giving any indication that they had abandoned their stand for arbitration, but with assurances that the negotiations were not ended.

The railroad executives gave no final answer to the President's proposals, but will deliberate on them today and see President Wilson again, probably Monday.

Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy systems, again acted as spokesman and explained why the railroads were insisting on the principle of arbitration. He declared that the principle at stake was much larger than the questions of wages and hours involved.

While the railroad presidents were in conference with President Wilson today the President gave out a statement outlining his plan of settlement and saying, "It seems to me a thoroughly practical and entirely fair program and I think the public has the right to expect its acceptance."

President Wilson's statement follows in part: "I have recommended the concession of the 8-hour day, that is, the substitution of an 8-hour day for the present 10-hour day in all the existing practices and agreements. I made this recommendation because I believe the concessions right. The 8-hour day now undoubtedly has the sanction of the judgment of society in its favor and should be adopted as a basis for wages, even where the actual work to be done cannot be completed within 8 hours."

In his address to the officials President Wilson said: "If a strike comes the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me."

One ray of hope that it might induce the railroad managers to make concessions stood out in a suggestion that the interstate commerce commission might determine whether it would be right to increase freight rates to meet the added compensation to employees. All said that the question was not closed and that the negotiations would be continued.

President Holden of the Burlington, spokesman for the officials, said no time had been set for them to see President Wilson again, but that it was necessary to confer with the committee of managers which has the authority to accept or reject plans.

In his talk today to the executives President Wilson told them they were facing a condition not a principle. He asked why they should demand arbitration where there was no law for compulsory arbitration and he knew it to be impossible to get a compulsory arbitration law through congress.

"I have been asked to sit as a judge," said the President in substance. "I cannot do that. I simply can suggest a plan by which I believe this question can be fairly settled to all sides."

In conclusion President Wilson said he believed his plan was the only equitable way of settling the controversy and that under it both sides would be treated fairly. He considered it useless to discuss the principle of arbitration when it seemed impossible to bring about arbitration in the present situation.

Mr. Holden gave the President estimates of the cost of the 8-hour day to the railroads. President Wilson, in reply, urged that the railroad officials with the committee of managers very carefully consider his plan before giving any final answer. That was agreed to by the railroad executives.

It was learned definitely that in their acceptance of President Wilson's plan the employees made no reservation. One of the railroad presidents said after the conference that he did not consider the situation hopeless, but that it was very serious. In spite of the tone adopted by some of the railroad officials the belief was current in administration circles that, however reluctantly, the railroads would make some concession.

After the conference President Wilson telegraphed to a number of presidents of western roads inviting them to come to Washington.

## SERGT. BOYD CAUGHT AT MEXICAN BORDER

But It Was by Officers in Pajamas, Who Initiated Him Into Office of First Lieutenant.

(Special to The Reformer.)  
EAGLE PASS, Texas, Aug. 14. There were big doings in Camp Shafter last night. Commissary Sergt. Boyd was made second lieutenant of the supply company. Immediately after church services last night Lieut. Boyd was captured by a band of wild looking men. These men were no one else than our officers clad in pajamas, straw sombreros and carrying arms and ammunition. Lieut. Steel was in command with Lieut. Springer acting as the band, carrying a wash tub as a bass drum.

After capturing Boyd he was turned into a tent and bound, and a guard composed of the hospital corps officers, who probably never shouldered a gun before, was placed over him. But the guard was not on its job and Boyd escaped through the rear end of the tent and led them a merry chase for a few minutes.

Finally he was re-captured and turned over again to Lieut. Steel, who with a dish of flour covered his head and face so that if he escaped again he would be easily located by his white features. He was then searched, and upon finding a commission as first lieutenant he was taken to the officers of the day, who demanded that he be examined physically. The examination was then made and he proved fit.

Thence he was taken to Col. Reeves, who ordered him to be given a bath. To the showers they then led him and he was placed under the shower and the water turned on by Lieut. Mitchell. After being cleaned up so as to be recognized by the officers of the day he was taken back to the colonel, who congratulated him and presented him with a new uniform and officers' hat.

Three rousing cheers were then given for the new lieutenant and he was taken to his quarters, where he donned his new outfit, and then he was turned over to his commander, Capt. Eastman of the supply company.

Lieut. Boyd is a former resident of Brattleboro, who in civilian life is a traveling salesman for the Armour Beef Co., his home being in North Adams, Mass. He is brother of Mess Sergeant Harold C. Boyd of Company I. If any man ever deserved a commission he surely did. He has been in the regiment as commissary sergeant for over 10 years and is well liked by every man in the regiment. He always has a good word and that "never-come-off" smile. He has been a hard worker and it will be hard to find anyone to fill his place. The men all wish Lieut. Boyd success in his new position and feel sure that the regiment will profit by his promotion.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN VISIT FARMS

Between 400 and 500 Inspected a Number of Farms and Field Crops in Franklin County.

KEENE, N. H., August 19.—Between 400 and 500 farmers and guests from Sullivan and Cheshire counties united yesterday in a pilgrimage to visit the members of the Franklin County (Mass.) Farm bureau and inspect a number of farms and field crops.

The party left Keene in the morning in 75 automobiles with George Warwick, jr., acting as marshal and the first stop was at Phil Peirce's farm in Winchester. They proceeded to the Dunklee farm at Vernon, Mass., where members of the Franklin bureau met the New Hampshire party. After inspecting the Dunklee farm the party went to Sugar Loaf mountain, where a dinner was served in Mt. Sugar Loaf park. A large number of the party climbed the mountain to view the onion and tobacco fields along the Connecticut valley.

After the noon hour the party separated on different tours. Some visited farms along the Sunderland meadows, others went to Massachusetts Agricultural college and Hadley rose gardens, then to Northampton, Hatfield, Whately and South Deerfield. Others took short trips to farms in order that they might return to their homes in Sullivan county last night.

## FIELD MEETINGS IN WINDHAM COUNTY

Vernon, Newfane and Athens Places Selected—Prof. George F. Storey to Be One of Speakers.

Plans are under way for three field meetings to be held in the towns of Vernon, Newfane and Athens, respectively, the last of August. On August 29 a meeting will be held at A. E. Dunklee & Son's, South Vernon. There are some very interesting plots of soy beans, corn, mangels and forage crops, as well as the general farm crop and stock, which there will be plenty of time to look over. George F. Storey, professor of dairying at Vermont College of Agriculture, will be one of the speakers. On Wednesday, the 30th, there will be a similar meeting in Newfane, with several good speakers. On Thursday, the 31st, the Windham County Agricultural association will unite with the Saxtons River, Townshend and Grafton Granges and the people of Athens in the holding of an all-day field meeting at the pond in Athens. A complete program of these meetings will be sent out.

Be good to everybody and everybody will try to make a doormat of you.

## WOULD PRESERVE HOOKER CORNER

Mr. Hopkins Thinks Property Should Be Bought for Public Use

## ALMOST SACRILAGE TO REMOVE TREES

Suggests that a Stock Company Be Formed to Secure Property for Park and Community Building—Might Be Given to Town or Village.

Editor of The Reformer:—It has been said that "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

To my mind one of the most beautiful spots in Brattleboro is the Hooker lawn as it stands today, covered with the rich green grass out of which are growing those magnificent elms. If, however, things materialize as planned, sooner or later the Hooker lawn will not be a thing of beauty, and the joy of it will be forever gone.

Everyone who has an eye for the beautiful in nature must feel something as I do, that it will be almost sacrilege to remove those beautiful trees, many of which probably are over one hundred years of age, and replace them with lifeless brick and mortar.

Mr. Editor. The people of the town of Brattleboro should own that corner and keep it forever as a park and either use the house thereon as a community building or else remove it and erect in its stead a beautiful fountain and pergola made from our native mountain stone and covered with ivy or other twining vines. Then our children and children's children unto the third and fourth generation will rise up and call us blessed, and they would have reason so to do.

The parties who own that corner are broad minded, public spirited, Brattleboro loving, business men and if the movement were launched to retain the corner as a park I am perfectly confident they would meet negotiations in the fairest kind of man-fashion manner—always looking to the welfare of Brattleboro.

Why couldn't a stock company be formed to buy the property? Have the shares valued at \$10 each and sell them at par. I believe we have men right here that would take five hundred shares, several that would take one hundred shares, one hundred that would take ten shares, and no end of people that would take one share or more. If it were thought best the property could be turned to the town or village with the understanding and agreement that it be forever kept as a public park.

If we allow this beautiful spot to be built up I feel it will be the greatest mistake that Brattleboro ever made. I hope someone with more influence and money than I will take the matter up.

CARL S. HOPKINS.

Brattleboro, Aug. 19, 1916.

## BAY STATE CHILDREN TO BE QUARANTINED

Those Under 15 Coming Into Vermont to Be Kept Apart Two Weeks by Order of Board of Health.

Dr. Henry Tucker, health officer, received orders today from the state board of health to quarantine for two weeks children under 15 years old coming to this state from Massachusetts, where infantile paralysis is increasing. The same rules of quarantine are adopted as have been in effect concerning children from New York. The letter follows:

Dear Sir:—Inasmuch as infantile paralysis is prevailing in several Massachusetts towns along our border, it is necessary that we take precautions against children from that state as well as New York. You will, therefore, quarantine all children under 15 years of age, coming from Massachusetts, for a period of two weeks in the same manner and according to the same regulations as are now in force in regard to children from New York. The same quarantine notice should be served on the parents and a quarantine sign should be put on the house. Publicity should also be given to the fact that this is being done so that you will be notified of cases coming under this order.

It should be noted that if local boards of health desire to make further restrictions than those issued by the state board of health they have full authority.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES F. DALTON, Secretary.

One of the most valuable thoughts is that whatever is cannot always be. Out of it we get consolation and preparedness for the future.